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PATTY PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY THIS AFTER NOON AFTER I MAILED

A LETTER TO YOU THIS MORNING=

DOROTHY AND JIMMY MIDDLEBROOKS=

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MRS. J. L. MIDDLEBROOKS
823 WEST GARFIELD
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Thursday.

Dear Aunt William:

Please Pardon My Unpardonable Delay In Writing You. After I Tell You Of All The Troubles Dot And I Have Been Through In The Past Five Months I Am Sure You Understand. In April Patty, Who Will Be 21 In December, Began To Suffer From A Shortness Of Breath. She Progressively Got Worse And Had The Doctors Battled. In Early May She Went To The Hospital And Our Doctor Called In The Experts. They Finally Discovered That She Had Inhaled One Of The New Plastic Hair Sprays Which Are So Popular Now. This Had Coated The Inside Of Her lungs And She Was Not

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Getting enough oxygen to breathe. Her chest cavity had filled with fluid which was affecting her heart. It has been a continual worry about her condition. Dot is with her night and day. The doctors assure us she will fully recover from this experience.

Dot is a wonderful girl, just as lovely and effiminate as any girl you could ever hope to meet. She attended Colorado Women's College in Denver. She has high ideals - you would certainly be proud of your niece. While there is nothing definite as to her future, she had been going with a young attorney in Seattle who has a wonderful practice. The boys

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Father Was A Prominent Lawyer In Seattle For Many Years. He Later Became A Judge And Is Now U.S. District Attorney For Washington. The Bay Is A State Senator And Active In Civic Affairs. Many Say He Will Be A Governor Of Washington.

In June My Mother Came Out To Spend The Summer And Fall With Us. She Came Out Every Year To Miss The Hot Weather In Birmingham. In Seattle You Keep Blankets On The Beds Twelve Months Out Of The Year. Shortly After She Arrived She Became Ill And We Took Her To The Hospital. After She Had Seemed To Make So Much Progress, She Suddenly Passed

Away. This Was A Deep Shock To All
Of Us. He Brother Was Out Visiting
With Her And Had Just Gone
Back To Birmingham. He Had
lived With Her In Her Home
For Many Years. The Shock And
Loss To Him Was So Sad. He Is
Still Living In My Mothers Place.
Dot And I Went Down And
Rearranged The House For Him
To Live Alone. We Are In Hopes
He Come Out To live With Us
Before long. We Brought Back
A lot Of Things Which Dot And
I Had Never Moved From Birmingham.
We Also Brought Mothers Silver
And Dishes Out Here For Pat
And Peter.

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I Guess You Know That Doctor Had A Bad Accident In 1956. A Women Who Was Driving An Old Car Which Didn't Even Belong To Her, Hit Doctor While He Was Crossing The Street In Birmingham. They Had No Insurance, So Therefore, There Was No Help In Paying The Doctors, Hospital And Long Nursing Home Bills. Doctor Was Unable To Be About For Nearly A Year. As Soon As He Was Able To Fly Out Here, We Sent Him A Ticket And He Came Out Here To Regain His Strength. Once Did Not Want Him To Come To

The lovely Home He Had Bought
Her In Homewood. She Advised
Us That Doctor Was Our Responsibility.
We Were So Glad We Had A Home
To Which He Could Come. In The
Fall of 1957 He Went Back To
Birmingham And Tried To Make
A Go Of It With Inc. This
Was Not Satisfactory To Her
As She Knew That She Would
Never Be Able To Take Him
For Very Much In The Future. He
Was Able To Earn Enough To
Pay The Household Bills. In
December She Went Off To
Dakridge And Left Him Alone,
With The Hope That He Would

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Leave The House And Make Other Arrangements. He Was Heart Broken. He Came Back To Seattle And Lived With Us. Dad Fixed Him A Beautiful Bed Room And Study With A Desk. He Appreciated All The Many Wonderful Things Dad Did For Him. He Was So Proud Of His Room And Enjoyed Being With The Children While They Were Growing Up. He Was Active In The Queen Anne Baptist Church And Was Liked By The Pastor And All The Members. He Had Made Many

Friends In Seattle. No One
Here Knew That Ince Was
In Birmingham At That They
Were Still Married. If People
Asked About His Wife He
Merely Said That He Had
lost His wife, Which Was
True. He Had Spent Everything
He Had Made In Florida On
little Ince's College Education,
Purchase Of The Home, All
New Furniture And The
Very Expensive Wedding For
little Ince. Then To Be Turned
Out seemed Inhuman.

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Doctor Was Named Delegate
To The Washington State Baptist
Convention In late May. He
Left Here With All New Clothes
And Went To The Convention
At Yakima, Washington. From
There He Went To The Southern
Baptist Convention In Louisville,
Kentucky. In Louisville He
Caught One Of His Bad Colds And
Went On To Oakridge, Tenn., To
See The Grandchildren. From
There He Flew To Omaha To The
American Baptist Convention.
And Arrived Back In Seattle

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Tired And Suffering From A Real Bad Cold. In Several Days He Snapped Out Of It And Seemed To Be In Excellent Shape. He Resorted To Visiting His Friends And Going To Town Regularly. Of Course Mother's Death was a real shock To Him, They Were Real Close Friends And Enjoyed Each Other's Company. He Had Become A Member Of A Club Located Out Near The University Campus. which Was For Tidely People. On Thursday He Went To One Of Their Meetings. When He

EDDINGTON, J. L. BRM
C. R. FRAZER TOWN IN
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

12.

Sunday Morning The Doctor
Came And Said He Would Have
To Go To The Hospital Where
They Could Give Him Special
Treatment. By Now It Was
Obvious That He Had A Block
Of The Colon. Late Sunday
Afternoon He Got Some Relief
And The Specialist Who Had
Been Called In Was Sure
That Surgery Would Not Be
Required. On Monday He
Felt Good And Was Getting
Up And Going To The Bath
Room By Himself. Dot

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Came Home He Complained Of
Being A Little Tired. On Friday
July 17th He Was Stiff And
Massaged Himself With
Liquid Heat. On Saturday
Morning He Complained That He
Had Gas On His Stomach And
Was In Much Pain. He Asked Me
To Get Him Drugs From The
Drug Store. We Thought He Should
See A Doctor, So Called Our Family
Doctor, Who Came And Eased
His Pain And Gave Him Some
Medicine. Doctor Was Up And
About All Day, We Could Not
Get Him To Stay In Bed.

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I Talked To The Nurse Who Was
With Him When He Died And
She Told Me That He Just Went
To Sleep And That There Was
No Struggle. He Had Rung For
The Nurse And Had Asked For
A Glass Of Water. This Was
The Same Way My Mother
Passed Away. The Enclosed
Newspaper Clipping Which
Expressed His Hope That
He Would Not linger In
A Long Illness Was In A
Letter He Had Left For Dot.
He Did Not Leave A Will, Merely
Two Notes To Dot Expressing
His Wishes And A Clipping
Of A Billy Graham Column

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Was With Him All Day And
Was Relieved That He Seemed
So Much Better. Monday
Night Pat & I Went Over
To The Hospital And He
Was His Usual Cherry Self.
He Was In A Smoking Mood
and Had Been Told He Could
Come Home On Tuesday.

You Can Imagine The Shock
I Had When The Doctor Called
At 2:00 AM And Said Doctor
Had Passed Away. There Was
Not Time For Us Or The Doctor
To Get To The Hospital.

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PROPRIETOR J. A. DAVIS
16.
WATERTOWN, MASS.

Decision. If It Is Decided To
Return The Ashes To Panama
City, Dot And I Will Certainly
Want To Come To Panama
City. This We Cannot Do Until
Pat Is Recovered And Be
Left Alone.

Doctor Left No Assets
Except His Wonderful Heritage
To All Of Us. I Am Sure
That There Never Was A Finer
Man Than P. H. Carlisle. He
Was A Father To Me And
I Always Respected Him. He
loved His Family More Than
Anyone I Ever Knew. It Was

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Which Approved Of Cremation.
He Had A Strong Desire For
Cremation. In Fact, He Convinced
Me That We Should Use Cremation
For My Mother.

We Have Not Yet Decided On
Whether To Have The Interment
In A Family Plot In Seattle. I
Am Sure Our Children Will
Always Live In Seattle. He
Was So Close To Them And
Thought So Much Of Them,
That It Might Be Best For Him
To Rest Where He Had Enjoyed
The Last Happy Years Of His
Life. This Is Not A Final

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Painful To Him That There
Had Been Some Differences
Of Opinion. He Missed The
Opportunity Of Being Near
His hoved Ones. To the End
Though He Was A Carlisle
First Last And Always.

Peter Our Son Is Definitely
A Carlisle, Looks Like One,
Acts like One, And Hope That
He Will Carry On The Name
Of Carlisle, Even Though
It Is His Middle Initial.

ENDORSEMENT J. L. GRIM
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
MOTORINHAW, BIRMINGHAM

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Doctor Had A Pension Of
\$76.00 Per Month From Social
Security. At The Time Of His
Death He Had \$131.55 In
The Bank. He Had No Life
Or Burial Insurance. The
Policies He Had Were Lapsed
Many Years Ago. Everything
In Birmingham Is In Mr. Ince's
Name. From This You Can
See There Is No Estate To
Administer. I Am Sure Doctor
Would Have Liked To Have Left
A Million, However Such
Was Not The Case In Money

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However, He Left Me And
Others That Heritage Which
To Me Is Worth More Than All
The Money In The World.

He Left All Of His Papers
In Well Organized Shape. He
Had Advised Me A Long Regarding
His Past Problems. If Any Of
Them Should Ever Rear Their
Ugly Head, He Wanted
Me Prepared To Protect His
Name. I Don't Believe He
Ever Threw Away A Scrap Of
Paper On A Letter He Had
Ever Received. I Have Been

MR. J. A. MURDOCH
GENERAL TOWNSHIP
NOTTINGHAM VILLAGE

Its Getting late - Missed
This Page.

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Touched To Read The Wonderful
Letters That Passed Between
He And Horace. He Thought
The World And All Of You,
Wanted So Much To See You
On This hast Visit South. I Am
Sure He Would Have Come On
To Panama City If He Had
Not Caught Such A Cold
In Louisville. He Corresponded
With A Number Of People
In Panama City So Was Always
Up To Date On What Was
Happening There.

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I Am Enclosing The Latest Pictures We Have Of Patty And Peter. Peter Will Be 18 Next February. He Is A Senior In High School. Has Been An Honor Student All The Way Through School. He Has A Brilliant Mind And I Am Sure Will Make A Success Of Life. With His Grades He Will Have His Pick Of Any College He Wants To Enter. I Hope I Will Be Able To Finance The Six Years Or More Of College He Wants.

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He loves to sk. In The Mountains
In The Winter And On The Water
In The Summer. He Is Well
Adjusted And Has Lots Of
Nice Friends. He Is Over
Six Feet Tall And Is Still
Growing. He Works At Odd
Jobs And Is Very Thrifty.
Always Saves Something
Out Of Everything He Gets.

I Work For A Woman Who
Reminds Me Very Much Of You.
She Is Considered The Best
Business Person, Man Or

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Woman In The Northwest. Her
Father was one of the number
Giants of the Northwest. She
lost her husband and father
in the same year at the
beginning of the depression.
She saved everything and
has added much to the
life of the community - she
has been kind to Dot, the
kids and myself. In addition
to large real estate holdings
she has television and radio
stations in Spokane, Seattle
and Portland, Oregon. Yet
she finds time to be on the
library board, a regent

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of The University Of Washington
And Active Work In Many Other
Civic Projects. I Was Extremely
lucky In Becoming Associated
With This Good Woman.

Our Home Is Comfortable,
On A High Hill Which Overlooks
The Bay And The Olympic
Mountain Range. Guess I Have
Always Liked A View Of The
Water After Visiting Your Home.
Every Afternoon When I Stand In
The Yard And Look Out Over The
Water I Say To Dot That We

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HOT SPRINGS, MONTANA

We Must Get A Spy Glass
like Aunt Hillian So we
Can look At The Ships And
Mountains. From This You Can
See That at least once a day
we Think of You.

I would give anything To sit
Down And Talk To You. Why
Don't You Get On A Plane
And Come Out And Visit Us.
I Would like For You To
Know Your Niece And Nephew.
I Am Sure You Would Be Proud
Of Them.

Aunt William, In So Far As I Know
We Have Paid All Of Doctor Bills
And All Of The Funeral Expenses
Have Been Settled.

Jerry

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I Hope You Can Get Through
This Rambling Letter. I Am Not
Even Going To Try To Read It
Myself, So Please Forgive
The Writing And Errors. I
Hope You Will Forgive Me For
Not Writing Sooner. If There
Is Any Point I Have Not Made
Clear, Please Write And Ask
Me For More Details.

Please Write Us All Along
And Let Us Know How You Are
Getting Along. We Want To Hear
From You.

Love

Dot & Jimmy

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